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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 28. (Cancelled)

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29. (Previously presented) A mat, said mat comprising a textile surface and an elastomer backing, said elastomer backing including elastomer crumbs, a binder, and a plurality of voids between the elastomer crumbs, wherein the backing has a density in the range 0.5 to 0.9 g/cm³, and wherein the mat includes a rubber crumb border that extends beyond the periphery of the textile surface along at least two edges of the mat.
30. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the elastomer crumb is crumbed vulcanized rubber.
31. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 30, wherein the rubber is nitrile rubber.
32. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the elastomer backing has a bulk density less than the solid density of the elastomer crumb material.
33. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 32, wherein the elastomer backing has a bulk density in the range of 45% to 70% of the solid density of the elastomer crumb material.

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34. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 33, wherein the elastomer backing has a bulk density in the range of 55% to 70% of the solid density of elastomer crumb material.
35. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the backing has a density in the range 0.7 g/cm³ to 0.9 g/cm³.
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38. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the elastomer backing exhibits a tear resistance strength of at least 8 N/mm².
39. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the backing has a thickness of at least 1 mm.
40. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the crumb size is less than 5 mm diameter.
41. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 40, wherein the crumb size is substantially in the range of between 2 mm and 4 mm.
42. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the elastomer crumb backing includes at least 10% by weight powdered elastomer crumb.

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43. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the binder is present at a level from 2% to 20%.
44. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 43, in which the elastomer crumb backing includes less than 1% by weight of powdered elastomer crumb and the binder is present at a level from 2 to 12%.
45. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 43, wherein the elastomer crumb backing includes at least 10% by weight of powdered elastomer crumb and the binder level lies in the range 9 to 10%, preferably about 14%.
46. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 43, wherein the binder is a polyurethane MDI binder.
47. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 46, wherein the binder is selected from the group consisting of 4,4-methylene di-p-phenylene isocyanate polyurethane one- and two-component adhesives.
48. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 47, wherein the binder is a solvent-free one-component polyurethane adhesive.
49. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 43, wherein the binder is a hot melt binder.

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50. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the backing includes powdered additives selected from the group consisting of anti-microbial additives, anti-flammability additives, pigments, and anti-static additives.
51. (Previously presented) The mat according to claim 29, wherein a crumb rubber border extends around the entire periphery of the mat.
52. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the unwashed textile surface has a sand retention value of at least 1000 g/m².
53. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, wherein the textile surface is selected from the group consisting of a knitted textile, a woven textile, a non-woven textile, and a flocked substrate.
54. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, wherein an edging strip is bonded to the elastomer backing adjacent at least one edge thereof.
55. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 54, wherein the textile surface partially overlaps and is bonded to the edging strip.
56. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, which is a floor mat.
57. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, which is a table mat.
58. (Previously presented) A mat according to claim 29, which is a bar runner.